

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Business in the Share Market is still rather quiet. Banks are firmer and have changed hands at 204 per cent. premium for cash, 206 for the end of the month, and left off with buyers at 209 for August 31st. China Sugars are now in demand at the increased rate of \$207 per share, shares having been negotiated this morning at 207 for the end of the month. Nothing in other stocks came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—Ex New Issue—103 per cent. premium.
 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—New Issue—161 per cent. premium.
 Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$250 per share, buyers.
 China Traders' Insurance Company—\$2,650 per share, buyers.
 North China Insurance—Tls. 1,500 per share.
 Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$120 per share, buyers.
 Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 1060 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Insurance Company—\$230 per share, ex div. sellers.
 On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
 Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$352 per share, sellers.
 China Fire Insurance Company—\$385 per share, sales and sellers.
 Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—61 per cent. premium, sellers.
 Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$53 per share, premium, buyers.
 China and Manila Steam Ship Company—120 per share.
 Hongkong Gas Company—\$80 per share.
 Hongkong Hotel Company—\$160 per share.
 Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—15 per cent. div. sellers.
 China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$207 per share, sales and buyers.
 China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—2 per cent. premium.
 Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$78 per share, buyers.
 Hongkong Ice Company—\$163 per share, sellers.
 Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex int.
 Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2 per cent. prem.

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Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 For Foochow, Per Anierly, to-day, the 18th instant, at 5 P.M.
 For Swatow and Bangkok, Per Taichow, tomorrow, the 19th instant, at 9.30 A.M.
 For Swatow, Amoy, & Foochow, Per Kwangtung, on Friday, the 20th instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Nagasaki, Hiogo, and Yokohama, Per Zambezi, on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 11.30 A.M.
 For Manila, Per Diamante, on Saturday, the 21st instant, at 4.30 P.M.
 For Singapore and Bombay, Per Khiva, on Tuesday, the 24th instant, at 3.30 P.M.

SHIPPING IN HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.
 ALWINE, German steamer, 100, F. Thiesen, 17th July, Newchwang, 8th July, Beans, Wieler & Co.
 ANERLEY, British steamer, 1,256, Strachan, 24th June, Saigon 20th June, Rice, Siemens & Co.
 BALANGAS, Spanish steamer, 116, John Ovieta, 4th July, Manila, 1st July, General, Remedios & Co., Kowloon Dock.
 CITY OF PEKING, American steamer, 3,129, D. E. Friede, 15th July, San Francisco 14th June, and Yokohama 8th July, General, P. M. S. S. Co.
 DANUBE, British steamer, 561, R. Jones, 17th July, Bangkok 10th July, Rice and General, Yuen Fat Hong.
 DOUGLAS, British steamer, 982, S. Ashton, 5th July, Foochow 1st July, Amoy 3rd, and Swatow 4th, General, D. Lapraik & Co.
 ENUY, Spanish steamer, 410, Rementis, 30th June, Manila 27th June, General, Remedios & Co., Kowloon Dock.
 INGO, German steamer, 672, Jesselsen, 10th July, Singapore 3rd July, General, Wieler & Co.
 KHIVA, British steamer, 2,609, P. Harris, 14th July, Bombay 28th June, and Singapore, General, P. & O. S. N. Co.
 KUMAMOTO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,240, J. W. Drummond, 17th July, Kobe via Nagasaki 10th July, General, Mitsui Bishi M. S. S. Co.
 KWANGTUNG, British steamer, 680, M. Young, 16th July, Foochow 14th July, and Amoy 15th, General, D. Lapraik & Co.
 LI YUNG, Annamite steamer, 150, Chun, 10th June, Touron 15th June, General, Chi-nese.
 NAM-THAN, French steamer, 435, A. Garceau, 16th July, Haiphong 14th July, General, Shing Loong.
 NEPAUL, British steamer, J. Reeves, 17th July, Shanghai 14th July, Mails and General, P. & O. S. N. Co.
 SHEPARD OSBORN, British steamer, 875, Worcester, 21st June, Shanghai 5th June, and Foochow, Telegraph Cable, E. E. A. & Co. Telegraph Co.
 TAI-CHOW, British steamer, 862, James Jordan, 10th July, Singapore 4th July, General, Yuen Fat Hong.

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 BELLE OF OREGON, American bark, 1,110, E. Mathew, 6th June, Newcastle 12th April, Coal, Borneo Co.
 CHAN-SHAGOR, German bark, 683, Sachse, 6th June, Touron 14th June, Coals, F. Blackhead & Co.
 CHANNEL QUEEN, British bark, 609, Le Lacheur, 18th May, Chelso 22nd April, General, Ed. Schellhass & Co., Kowloon Dock.
 CHESHIRE, American bark, 737, Reynolds, 29th June, Newcastle 27th April, Coal, Borneo Co.
 CHOCORUA, American ship, 1,163, Locke, 30th June, Hiogo 3rd May, Ballast, Master-Cosmopolitan Dock.
 C. D. BRYANT, American bark, 929, J. P. Butman, 23rd May, New York 24th January, Kerosene Oil, D. Lapraik & Co.
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 C. D. BRYANT, American bark, 929, J. P. Butman, 23rd May, New York 24th January, Kerosene Oil, D. Lapraik & Co.
 ELWELL, American ship, 1,461, Barston, 30th June, Cardiff 15th March, Coals, Order.
 ELLEN, British bark, 499, C. Hodge, 15th July, Singapore 7th July, Timber, Gee Aik Hong.
 FRIEDLANDER, German ship, 1,584, J. Bellmer, 14th June, Cardiff 7th February, Coal, Captain.
 FRIEDRICH, German bark, 676, J. P. Uldeup, 30th June, Cardiff 27th February, Coals, Wieler & Co., Kowloon Dock.
 G. C. TRUPANT, British ship, 1,529, Thomas, 14th June, Cardiff 5th February, Coal, Order.
 GRANDEE, American ship, 1,254, Jacobs, 15th July, Newcastle, N.S.W., 26th May, Coal, Order.
 HERMANN, German bark, 444, M. Traulsen, 17th July, Bangkok 6th July, General, Wieler & Co.
 H. UPMANN, German bark, 427, T. G. Weber, 18th May, Newchwang 22nd April, General, Carlowitz & Co.
 IDA, German ship, 1,098, W. Schneider, 17th May, Swatow 14th May, Sugar, Arnold, Karberg & Co.
 JOE RAUERS, German bark, 889, H. Schroder, 3rd July, Cardiff 1st March, Coals, Melchers & Co.
 LIVINGSTONE, German bark, 531, H. Steffens, 8th July, Honolulu 23rd May, Ballast, Siemens & Co.
 LOUISA, German 3-m. sch., 245, Schierloch, 2nd Jan., Whampoa 31st Dec., General, Captain.
 McLARLAN, American ship, 1,330, J. H. Little, 12th May, Newcastle, N.S.W., 21st March, Coal, Russell & Co.
 OCCIDENT, German bark, 254, C. Reuter, 13th July, Tientsin 8th June, General, Wieler & Co.
 PRINTEMPS, French bark, 357, F. Gaillard, 15th July, Hilo 6th July, General, Carlowitz & Co.
 RAMIER, French brig, 280, Savary, 28th June, Hilo 10th June, General, Carlowitz & Co.
 RESOLUTE, American ship, 1,640, Sackels, 22nd May, Newcastle 24th March, Coal, Russell & Co.
 SPARTAN, American schooner, 85, Ch. Vincent, 30th May, Swatow 24th May, Ballast, W. H. May.
 TERKI, British bark, 390, Buckholdt, 12th July, from Quinon, Salt, Chinese.
 TWILIGHT, American ship, 1,205, W. C. Warland, 8th June, Newcastle, N.S.W., 14th April, Coal, Adamson, Bell & Co.
 UNDISING, German bark, 265, F. Kruse, 1st July, Cardiff 8th February, Coals, Melchers & Co.
 WILLIAM HALLS, American bark, 834, Geo. F. Elliot, 1st July, Newcastle, N.S.W., 9th May, Coals, Captain.
 WILLIAM MANSON, British bark, 366, H. Kin-dred, 15th July, Newchwang 8th June, Beans and Peas, Chong Wo.
 WRECKER, American lorch, 55, Henderson, 16th July, Guap Island 1st June, General, Blackhead & Co.

Yuen Fat Hong.
 ZAMBEZI, British steamer, 1,540, L. H. Moule, 17th July, Yokohama 7th July, Mails and General, P. & O. S. N. Co.
 SAILING VESSELS.
 ADOLPH OBRIG, American ship, 1,448, Staples, 20th May, Cardiff 14th January, Coal, Russell & Co.
 AUGUSTE, French bark, 858, Le Breton, 6th June, Newport 25th October, Coal, Carlowitz & Co.
 BELLE OF OREGON, American bark, 1,110, E. Mathew, 6th June, Newcastle 12th April, Coal, Borneo Co.
 CHAN-SHAGOR, German bark, 683, Sachse, 6th June, Touron 14th June, Coals, F. Blackhead & Co.
 CHANNEL QUEEN, British bark, 609, Le Lacheur, 18th May, Chelso 22nd April, General, Ed. Schellhass & Co., Kowloon Dock.
 CHESHIRE, American bark,

Solomon Islands and other groups of islands in the Pacific.

LONDON, June 11th.
The trial of the dynamite conspirators, Dr. Gallagher, Bernard Gallagher, Ansbury, Curlew, Whitehead, and Wilson, charged with the felony of treason, began this morning.

Lynch, alias Norman, the informer, repeated his testimony in regard to the doings of the conspirators previous to and after their arrival in England from America, which he gave at the preliminary hearing.

A correspondent at Berlin says that Von Bennigsen favored the passage of the Church bill in its modified form, while the rest of the National Liberals seem determined to oppose any further concession to the Vatican.

DUBLIN, June 11th.
The Carneys are detained because, owing to fresh information, the Government is renewing its endeavours to obtain the surrender of Walsh and Tynan.

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, June 11th.
The aeronaut, L. Hoste, who made an unsuccessful attempt to cross the British Channel on Thursday last in a balloon, renewed his attempt on Saturday morning, and has not since been heard from. It is feared he was carried over the North Sea, into which he fell and was drowned.

BERLIN, June 12th.
In the Reichstag the budget for 1884-85 passed to the third reading without amendment. Von Bötticher, Secretary of State of the Imperial office of the Interior, then read the decree declaring the session closed.

The members of the National Liberal party have resolved to present an address to Von Bennigsen praising his services to his party and expressing the hope that he will return to political life when the auspices are more favorable.

LONDON, June 12th.
In the Commons, Gladstone accepted the resolution proposed by Lord Claude Hamilton and supported by the Conservatives and Parnellites, in favor of an early revision of the Purchase clauses of the Land Act, for the purpose of giving fuller effect to the intentions of Parliament.

The underwriters are demanding additional premiums on vessels going to China, especially French. An increase of premium is feared.

A man named Sweeney, was arrested at Queensdown, charged with complicity in the murder of Lord Mount Morris. Sweeney had taken passage for New York.

PARIS, June 12th.
The trial began to-day of the Marquis de Rays and 17 others charged with man-slaughter, fraud and infringement of the public companies and Emigration laws. In July 1877, the Marquis advertised land for sale in the Island of Port-Breton, Oceania, and inaugurated a scheme for emigration. Legitimate papers interested in the scheme, and 5,000,000 francs were subscribed. Of this sum, the Marquis pocketed 2,000,000 francs. It is stated that 700,000 hectares of land were sold, although the island only contains 7000 hectares. The Marquis had maps of the land published, in which were indicated imaginary houses, churches and roads. He also instituted militia and gendarmes and necessary civil officers. Finally, he despatched to the island old sailing vessels, four old sailing ships with a number of emigrants, the majority of whom perished under the most miserable circumstances. On one vessel, 30 emigrants died during the passage, and 250 more died from hunger and disease after reaching Port Breton, and five others were captured and eaten by natives of the island. Only two of the unfortunate people succeeded in reaching a friendly country.

NEW YORK, June 12th.
A billiard match for the championship in the Balke line game was played to-night between Jacob Schaeffer, holder of the emblem, and Maurice Vignaux. In addition to the championship, there was \$1000 cash pending on the result—800-point game. The betting was \$100 to \$200 in favor of Schaeffer. Schaeffer won the lead, and scored 317 Vignaux followed with 17. In the fifteenth innings Schaeffer scored 62; Vignaux followed with 50. In the thirty-sixth inning Vignaux, after brilliant playing, closed the game, Schaeffer making every effort to catch up. Score—Vignaux, 800; Schaeffer, 644. Highest run (Vignaux), 106.

June 13th.
The International Military rifle team sail for England next Tuesday.

Norman L. Munro, the publisher, has begun an action for libel against James Gordon Bennett, with damages at \$100,000.

LONDON, June 13th.
The Right Honorable John Bright delivered an address at Bingley Hall, Birmingham, before an audience of over 20,000 people. More than 150 addresses of congratulation from various Liberal associations were presented him. Great enthusiasm prevailed. Mr. Bright reviewed the events of the last fifty years, and laid stress upon the enormous advantage conferred upon the country by the repeal of the Corn Laws. Referring to America, Bright said: "Permit me to address a word to the artisan class of the United States. I am no enemy of the United States. I fought her battles in this country, as I believe, as much as if born on her soil. I believe the question in the United States between a protective and a simply a revenue tariff, is nearing its solution. The opinion is growing that inevitable economic facts are offering themselves for the consideration of statesmen and every intelligent man in the great Republic. An extraordinary condition of things exists there. No country of any age ever experienced or dreamed of an actual surplus of revenue of \$30,000,000. This fact is fatal to a high protective policy. After an attempt to alter the tariff which abolished slavery, Bright said: "I believe the next election for President will be fought on free-trade lines. The great people of the United States will declare it to be the inalienable right of every American citizen to spend his money in the world's cheapest markets."

BRUSSELS, June 13th.
In relation to the retirement from political life of Von Bennigsen, it is stated that after the receipt of the last note addressed to Prussia by the Vatican, Bismarck was undecided whether he should break off negotiations. He, therefore, sounded Von Bennigsen on the subject of effecting a compromise with his party, the National Liberals. The interview convinced both that the Ottoman policy was impossible, and Bismarck decided to rely on the clerical and conservative majority. In the debate on the church bill in the Lower House, Lord Windhouse, the ultramontane leader, stated that he hoped the Government and the Conservatives would unite and improve the bill by accepting the amendments proposed by the Centre party. If they did not accept them, the Centre party would reject the whole measure.

PARIS, June 13th.
It is reported from the Congo River that Stanley has arrived at Brazzaville with 1000 men. De Brazza has 200 men and is making little progress.

LONDON, June 13th.
The trial of the men concerned in the dynamite conspiracy was resumed this morning. The evidence given by witnesses to show a connection between Ansbury and Dr. Gallagher was given. Lamartine told the former as Channing Cross Hotel at Mr. Gallagher, in order that he might obtain his letters and telegrams. Ansbury during the examination of Inspector Melville in regard to words which passed between them

when the former was arrested, called the Inspector a liar, because he denied he said to him (Ansbury) at that time, "You had better turn informer and get £5,000." Chief Justice Colridge restored order.

The explosion of the magazine at Scutari was caused by lightning. One hundred and fifty persons were killed and 53 wounded. Two hundred barrels of gun-powder, and 6,000 cartridges were exploded.

PARIS, June 13th.
It is denied at the American Legation that American officials have asked leave to serve in the Chinese Navy.

SOFIA, June 13th.
The British diplomatic agent has severed relations with the Bulgarian Government. Other foreign representatives share the views of the British, considering the present administration without authority.

BERLIN, June 13th.
A special committee of the Reichstag to consider the Workmen's Accident Insurance bill, recommended that Parliament decline the proposals of the Government and demand a new bill allowing rural laborers a share of the benefits of the insurance against accidents.

SHANGHAI.
As some of the public have made remarks upon the assertion in yesterday morning's issue of the North-China Daily Advertiser, that our business manager took a copy of the Courier from a coolie on a former occasion, we have simply to say that it is not true.

The steamer *Iphigenia*, which arrived here yesterday, has on board a lot of small field guns for the Imperial Government. An attempt was made to land them. In fact three of the guns were landed, but when it was found that the usual Tait's permit had not been received by the proper authorities, the guns were again put back into the steamer.

Mr. P. G. von Möllendorff was recommended to the King of Korea by Li Hung-chang, but he received his appointment direct from the King of Korea, in whose employ he is. He is in a position completely independent of China, and we do not believe there is any reason for our morning contemporary calling him the "nominee of China."

We hear that orders were given for the *Haeas* to remain at Tientsin to take Li to Canton; but since when news have reached Shanghai that she is to make another trip to Shanghai, but it is in readiness if she is wanted. Li is still renting a house in the Nanking Road, no doubt this is for his family should there be any trouble.

The fuss and fury of the Chinese in warlike matters seem to have originated with those Chinese who have to do with foreigners. The great Mandarins in the North seemed to know nothing about the hostile attitude of China. Nothing approaching to war was expected. No preparations were being made for it. No purchases of arms whatever. As far as we can make out Li Tsing Hou, Li Feng-pao, and their attendant manipulators of the foreign press, the *Piwo*, *Ma Kien-sung*, *Ng Ah-chey*, and so on, who are the real cause of the present disturbance. The orders to Li Hung-chang to take command of the armies of the South and march at their head may be some little tricks in the Court game at Peking. They knew Li would not eagerly embrace that task, and they want to put him in a fix. He has refused now, as we always thought he would; and they will want to know again why he spends so much upon armaments when he can't fight all the world. We rather think they look upon his management of foreign affairs as the cause of all these intrigues.

General told the readers of the *Nineteenth Century* that *to a large extent* the Chinese army was foreign drilled. There is one foreign drill instructor in the Chinese army, two naval officers, and one instructor in torpedo drill, Capt. Hasenclever, who was lent by the German Government for a year. This gentleman is teaching the youths brought back from America, about two years ago, how to use torpedoes, at Wei-wei. These young gentlemen have a uniform, which they only use at drill, getting into the gown of the ordinary Chinese costume as soon as possible afterwards, in order to avoid incurring the contempt of Flowers of Peking. So much is belligerent uniform respected in China!—*Mercury*.

HANKOW.
(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

7th July, 1883.
The *Ichang* pulled at the *Shanghai* for some time yesterday morning, but vainly. This morning the *Ichang* was more successful. During the *Shanghai* stay on the bank the river has risen nearly four feet, the mark today showing 41 feet 2 inches.

The *Glims* *Castle* left today to fill up in Kluikang, leaving the *Nijal* *Newground* the only steamer here.

The tea market is quiet; arrivals are large and recent settlements show a decline of about a tag on last week's prices. I append the figures.

The following figures indicate the entire business to date (inclusive of Kluikang Teas) as contrasted with the settlements to the same date last season:

For England and America 1882. 1883. Increase 1882. 1883. Decrease
Shanghai on Native 1,150 1,150 0 0
Kluikang Tea 1,150 1,150 0 0
Total Arrivals and Stocks to date are as under—

Comparative Quotations are as under—
1882. 1883. per picul.
Ningchow Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Canton Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Oolong Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Souchong Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Total 44.00 44.00 0 0

Teas brought this year to date are estimated to lay down in London at about the following prices—
1882. 1883. per picul.
Ningchow Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Canton Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Oolong Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Souchong Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Total 44.00 44.00 0 0

The export to date as per Customs Returns stands thus—
Season 1882. 1883. per picul.
Ningchow Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Canton Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Oolong Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Souchong Tea 11.75 11.75 0 0
Total 44.00 44.00 0 0

Departures for Odessa—
As per last Report in 5 Steamers 4,000,000 lbs.
As per last Report in 4 Steamers 3,000,000 lbs.
Departure for the Amoor—
As per last Report 1,000,000 lbs.

Agents last year—
As per last Report 1,000,000 lbs.

Agents last year—
As per last Report 1,000,000 lbs.

Co-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE SOUTHERN STAR MINSTRELS WILL GIVE A GRAND PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING, the 18th July.

THE LAST APPEARANCE OF THESE ACCOMPLISHED ARTISTES. GRAND SPECIAL PROGRAMME.

TO CONCLUDE WITH A LAUGHABLE FARCE, ENTITLED "LOVE IN GEORGIA."

CHARACTERS.
Rosa.....BILLY WILSON.
Aunt Rosa.....O. T. JACKSON.
Old Man—Clam Brown.....N. YOUNG.
Sam Johnson.....R. MOORE.

The whole to conclude with a plantation walk round by the Company.

Doors open at 8.30 to commence at 9 sharp.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle.....\$3.00
Stalls.....1.00
Back Seats.....0.50

Tickets may be procured at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [571]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 21st July, 1883, at No. 8, Chancery Lane, at 2 P.M.

THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of a Gentleman leaving the Colony.

Also, A COTTAGE PIANO and a large French MUSICAL BOX of 24 Tunes.

TERMS—As usual. J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th July 1883. [573]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
VALUABLE PROPERTY IN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on SATURDAY, the 28th day of July, 1883, on the Premises, at THREE P.M.

The Parcel of GROUND Registered in the Land Office as the Remaining Portion of MARINE LOT No. 53 A measuring 4,531 square feet. Yearly Crown Rent \$119.4.

Held for 999 years from 6th January, 1858, Together with the HOUSES 105 and 107 Queen's Road Central and Nos. 1 and 3 in Edinborough Lane.

For Terms and Conditions of Sale, apply to J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1883. [574]

TO LET.
HOUSE No. 31, MOSQUE JUNCTION.

Apply to A. F. PEREIRA, No. 1, Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Street.

Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [545]

TO LET.
FURNISHED ROOMS in the Hollywood Road, WITH OR WITHOUT BOARD.

Private Family. For Particulars, apply to M. A. Office of this paper.

Hongkong, 7th July, 1883. [537]

ON PEDDAR'S HILL, WITH IMMEDIATE ENTRY, TWO SPACIOUS APARTMENTS. COOL AND AIRY.

For Particulars, apply to X. Care of Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 6th July, 1883. [533]

TO BE LET, (WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)
FIVE COMMODIOUS and WELL VENTILATED ROOMS suitable for OFFICES or a FAMILY DWELLING HOUSE at No. 24, Praya Central, corner of Pottinger Street.

Apply on the Premises. F. VINCENT, 24, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1883. [527]

TO LET.
A TWO STOREY HOUSE (6 ROOMS) WITH GARDEN, in Mosque Junction. The above has Gas and Water laid on; and immediate possession can be had.

For Particulars apply to D. NOWROJEE, Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1883. [518]

TO LET.
No. 7, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

32, GRAHAM STREET (lately occupied by Mr. H. N. MONY).

6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, lately occupied by PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, 29th June, 1883. [517]

TO LET.
FOR ONE YEAR from June next, the New BUNGALOW at the PEAK on R. B. LOT 20, now roofed in and nearly completed, the property of Mr. J. ENSTON SQUIRE.

For all information, apply to BIRD & PALMER, Queen's Road, Hongkong, 19th April, 1883. [507]

Intimations.

THE HALL & HOLTZ, CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.

CAPITAL: T.L.S. 300,000 IN 6,000 SHARES OF T.L.S. 50 EACH.

1,000 SHARES ARE RESERVED IN PART PAYMENT TO THE VENDORS, AND THE BALANCE IS OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC FOR SUBSCRIPTION.

Payment:—T.L.S. 10 per Share on Application; T.L.S. 15 per Share on Allotment; T.L.S. 25 per Share Three Months after Allotment.

Where no Allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE: F. W. EDMONDSON, Esq., F. W. RICE, Esq., J. S. EZEKIEL, Esq., F. W. GALLIES, Esq., JOHN MORRIS, Esq., G. MCBAIN, Esq.

BANKERS: THE AGRA BANK, LIMITED. LEGAL ADVISER: R. E. WAINWRIGHT, Esq.

AUDITOR: GEO. R. CORNER, Esq.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS.

THIS Company is formed for the purpose of acquiring, developing and largely increasing the business of Messrs. HALL & HOLTZ, and of conducting the same, so far as the Shareholders are concerned, upon the Co-operative principle. With this view the Provisional Committee have arranged to acquire the leasehold store and premises in the Nanking and Seochuen Roads and the frehold manufactory and godown in the Yuen-Ming-Yuen and Soochow Roads, together with the plant, machinery, fixtures, stock-in-trade and goodwill of the Firm's business, upon very advantageous terms.

The following are the principal departments of the business as at present carried on, viz:—Household and General Stores, Wines, Spirits and other liquors, Bakery, Tailoring and Gentlemen's Outfitting, Drapery, Ladies' and Children's Outfitting, Fancy Goods, Furnishing and General Upholstery.

Each branch of the business is in good working order, and well provided with all requisite fixtures and plant, while the stock is large and suitable, and the present staff of assistants is thoroughly well qualified.

To aid production in the furniture factory, powerful steam wood-working machinery has been ordered and may shortly be expected from Europe.

The gross returns of the Firm's business during the four years ended the 31st of March, 1882, have averaged about \$310,000 per annum, while the average annual profit during the same period has, after making ample allowance for bad debts, been over \$40,000.

Messrs. AUGUSTUS WHITE and GEORGE R. CORNER have certified to the above figures:—

While the averages mentioned above are for a period of four years, the business done during the latter two of those years shows a marked increase, the profits for the two years ended the 31st of March 1882 being over \$190,000, or about \$20,000 in excess of the previous two years.

The accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1883, have not yet been fully made up, but the "Day Books" for the last six months of that year show Net Sales of \$178,137.97, against \$166,277.64 for the corresponding period of the previous year, being an increase of \$11,860.33.

The net profit of the business of the Company will be applied in the first place to paying interest to the Shareholders upon their Capital at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, and of whatever surplus may remain one-third will be applied in such way as the Shareholders shall from time to time determine, and the remaining two-thirds will be divided among those Shareholders who are contributors of business, *pro rata*, according to the amount of business contributed by each during the year in respect of which the distribution is made.

The purchase price to be paid for the land, buildings, plant, steam and other machinery, fixtures, and goodwill appertaining to Messrs. HALL & HOLTZ business has been fixed at the sum of T.L.S. 100,000, in part payment of which sum the vendors are prepared to accept T.L.S. 50,000; in fully paid up shares in the Company and two-thirds of the balance by equal instalments, 12 and 18 months respectively from the formation of the Company, thus leaving only T.L.S. 33,334 to be paid down. The unpaid purchase money will bear interest at the rate of five per cent. only, and the Directors will have the option of anticipating any payment of principal should they think fit to do so. The Vendors are prepared to dispose of their stock, all of which has been expressly imported for the business, and is in good condition, at its cost, as laid down in Shanghai. Its estimated value is about T.L.S. 125,000. Power will be taken in the Deed of Settlement to increase the Capital of the Company should such increase, at any future time, appear to the Shareholders desirable.

The present members of the Firm of HALL & HOLTZ have agreed to remain in the Company's service for at least three years, and to do their utmost to further its interests.

The Agreement of sale and the draft Deed of Settlement are open for inspection at the Office of the Company's Legal Adviser.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for Shares can be obtained from Messrs. HALL & HOLTZ, or from the Company's Bankers.

Application for Shares, at Hongkong or Foochow, can be made to Messrs. GILMAN & Co., Agents of the Agra Bank.

Shanghai, 4th July, 1883. [543]

THE NORTH BORNEO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

INCORPORATED WITH LIMITED LIABILITY UNDER THE NORTH BORNEO COMPANIES ACT OF 1883, WHEREBY THE LIABILITY OF EACH SHAREHOLDER IS LIMITED TO THE AMOUNT UNPAID ON HIS SHARES.

CAPITAL, \$200,000: DIVIDED INTO 2,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH.

The First Call of \$50 per Share is payable as follows:—On Application.....\$ 5
Allotment.....10
1st November.....15
1st February, 1884.....10
1st June, 1884.....10

Further calls for the remaining \$50 will not exceed \$10 per Share each, and will not be made under three months' notice.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: ALFRED DENT, Esq., W. B. PRYER, Esq., C. DE LISSA, Esq., D. C. WALKER, Esq., J. H. WALKER, Esq., CO HEEN, Esq., SOONG LEONG, Esq.

BANKERS: HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION at Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, and London.

MANAGING AGENTS AND SECRETARIES: MESSRS. COWIE BROS., Sandakan and Labuan.

AUDITOR: ALEXANDER COOK, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE: SANDAKAN, NORTH BORNEO.

THE Company is formed to meet the requirements of the merchants, traders and planters of Sandakan Bay and the East Coast of North Borneo, and to facilitate the rapidly increasing trade and passenger traffic of the Bay and neighboring Seas by running suitable Steamers, from port to port, amongst the various islands, rivers, and out-stations, and thus concentrating the trade in the larger ports of the Territory, where facilities are offered for direct transshipment into Steamers running to Singapore, Hongkong, the Coast of China, Australia, etc., etc. It is thought that, in carrying out, on a properly organized system, the objects for which the Company has been formed, a legitimate and profitable outlet for capital is presented.

The system will include the maintenance of communication by steam launches between Elopura and the plantations now being commenced up the rivers within the Bay of Sandakan, and the opening up generally of the trade with the Kinabatangan, Labuk, Sugut, and other rivers and stations in North Borneo.

A concession of foreshore land to the extent of four acres has been provisionally secured, for a nominal payment, at twelve places on the Coast where it is anticipated trade is capable of development. These concessions, besides affording sites for the Company's wharves, godowns and offices, will, no doubt, as the country advances, form the centre of future settlements or townships, and thus constitute hereafter a distinct and special feature in the assets of the Company.

Upon the assumption that the Company may wish eventually to have independent accommodation at their headquarters, the refusal, on favourable terms, of desirable premises at Elopura has also been secured.

It is intended to procure, as soon as possible, two capacious Steam Launches to run to the various plantations within the Bay itself, and also two suitable lighters; while for calling at the more distant places a steamer of about 300 tons capacity will be all that is necessary to meet the first requirements, in connection with which an agreement—conditional upon the formation of the Company—has been entered into for the purchase of the Steamer "ROYALIST" with the full benefit of all the contracts, engagements and privileges which she has with the Government and Chinese Merchants.

The cost of these vessels, together with the erection of suitable godowns, wharves and other accommodation which it is calculated, absorb about \$60,000 of the paid-up capital.

For working capital, the Directors will be left with \$40,000 in hand, to increase which, further calls can be made, should the Company's business expand and extension in its operations and additional fixed and establishments be in consequence thought desirable.

Meetings of Shareholders will be held annually, and at these the Directors' Reports and Accounts will be presented. In this respect and in all other essential particulars the constitution of the Company will be in conformity with the rules in force for English Joint Stock Companies.

It is needless to say that no promotion money has been or will be paid. The Directors put forward their scheme in the interests of the East Coast and of the Territory generally, with a considerable proportion of the capital already subscribed by the local community, and with the promise of their further co-operation, and they trust that their undertaking will meet with the approval and support of all those who are concerned in upholding the trade and welfare of North Borneo.

Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, particulars of the land concessions and copy of the agreement with Mr. Cowie for the purchase of the "ROYALIST," can be seen at the Company's office, and also at the offices of the accompanying form and addressed to the Secretaries or to the Company's Agents, from whom, or from any of the Directors, further information can be obtained. List will close in Hongkong on 31st inst.

AGENTS AT SINGAPORE: MESSRS. A. L. JOHNSTON & Co.

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TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH BORNEO STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1883.

Two years ago in dealing in these columns with what at that time was the vexed question of Chinese coolie emigration to the Australian Colonies, we indulged in some strong animadversions on the unsatisfactory manner in which these so-called free emigrants were examined prior to leaving this colony by the officers of the Emigration Department. We then said referring to the notorious *Glamis Castle* case:—"That the Emigration Officer's examination was a thorough farce, must be patent to every one who knows anything of the manner in which these sham examinations are conducted, and we must hold the Governor responsible for permitting such a state of affairs to exist." And with further reference to the common practice in Hongkong of one government official filling two or three different positions, which we took the liberty of saying "was a principle rotten to the core and wholly indefensible," we observed: "The time has surely come when the Augean Stable wants a thorough cleaning out, and we would strongly recommend that a start be made at once in the Emigration Department." Most of our readers will remember that Captain THOMSETT, who in addition to his position of Harbour Master, Marine Magistrate, &c., held that of Emigration Officer, took umbrage at our remarks, and formally applied to the Government for permission to institute proceedings for libel against this journal. Captain THOMSETT's application led to serious complications in the Executive Council, and the position taken up on the matter by Dr. STEWART, who was then acting as Colonial Secretary, ended in that officer resigning (?) his position. Governor Sir JOHN POPE HENNESSY after stating to the members of his Council that he had a matter of fact officially reprimanded the Emigration Officer on account of the insufficient examinations of emigrants, declined to permit Captain THOMSETT either to withdraw his formal application or to institute legal proceedings, and the question was eventually submitted to the Secretary of State (Earl Kimberley) who supported Governor HENNESSY's action, and laid down a rule that under no circumstances could any colonial servant take proceedings for libel against a public newspaper without the express sanction of the Home Government. Although we had good reasons for believing that the worthy Harbour Master was not what could be accurately termed a free agent in his wild crusade against this journal, and as we, moreover, were in a position to prove the literal truth of every word we had written as to the unsatisfactory character of the official examination of Chinese emigrants, and quite prepared to defend our statements with regard to the necessity for a thorough cleansing of the "Augean Stable," nothing was farther from our intention or desire than to reflect personally on that well meaning but somewhat irascible official. Our attack was made on a rotten system, and not on individuals whose responsibility could of necessity only be limited in extent. Since that time we have in the course of duty occasionally directed attention to abuses in various departments of the local government service, and it was only the other day that the very important subject of arranging the contracts for the execution of public works—which had become a matter of common talk in the colony in a manner anything but creditable to certain officials—called for some exceedingly plain-spoken truths.

The above references have been elicited by another government abuse, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say, by what is said to be a government abuse of public rights under departmental auspices, which is at present causing a good deal of discussion throughout the colony, and which, it seems to us, calls for a thorough investigation in the interests of all concerned. A short time ago a witty correspondent proposed to us for elucidation a conundrum incidentally relating to Hongkong and its management of the internal affairs of government. It was worded—"In what manner does Hongkong in its official element resemble an oyster just removed from its bed beneath the waves?" The answer was neat and appropriate:—"It opens its official mouth just sufficiently wide to let you see that there is something inside; but when enquiry is made as to what that something is the mouth hermetically closes." A column of the most bitter invective and pungent criticism could not more effectively or more satirically lay bare that world of red tape which constitutes Hongkong's officialdom, and which is the bane of the colony's prosperity. Political revolutions are the gradual outcome of extended and enlightened experience of the debased character of other forms of government; a revolution in the "Augean Stables" of our official departments is therefore most likely to be brought about by an exposure of abuses, the continued existence of which are calculated to bring the Government into contempt.

We have before us a copy of "The Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance of 1879," which, according to the wording of the preamble, is an ordinance enacted by the Governor of Hongkong, with the advice of the Legislative Council thereof, to consolidate and amend the laws relating to merchant shipping, the duties of the Harbour Master, the control and management of the waters of the colony, and the regulation of vessels navigating the same. Without wasting time beating about the bush, we think it best to state plainly that in various departments presumed to be under the direction and supervision of the Harbour Master, there appears to have been for a considerable time past a series of incomprehensible misunderstandings, glaring misinterpretations, or gross blunders in carrying out the provisions of the act we have just quoted. As our space will not permit us to deal with the whole of our subject in one article, we will confine our remarks in the present instance to that branch of the Harbour Department to which is entrusted the shipment and discharge of seamen in Hongkong.

We are credibly informed that it has been the custom in the department just named to issue permits to masters of vessels of other than British nationality, authorising such masters to ship their seamen at their respective consulates, and to charge for such permit a fee of one dollar per man. On reference to section 5 of chapter 5 in Ordinance No. 8 of 1879, dealing with the shipping and discharge of seamen, we find it stated that—

"No seaman shall, except with the Harbour Master's sanction, be shipped to do duty on board any merchant ship whatever else, where than at the office of the Harbour Master, who shall charge, for every seaman shipped, a fee of one dollar, such fee to be paid in the first instance, by the master of the ship shipping such seaman, and such master shall deduct the same from the wages of the seaman shipped; and the Harbour Master shall require such seaman to lodge with him his certificate of discharge from the last ship, and failing the production of such certificate, such seaman shall be bound to give satisfaction to the Harbour Master of the cause of the non-production thereof. The above mentioned fee shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasury."

At the first glance this section of the act would appear by a side wind (i.e. the Harbour Master's sanction) to justify the permit system above alluded to; but a closer investigation of that and following sections conclusively negatives the assumption; in fact, it is plainly set down that the ordinance applies only to British and Colonial ships.

The remaining sections of this chapter clearly show that the powers possessed by the Harbour Master with regard to British and Colonial vessels, are vested in the various Consuls or Vice-Consuls where foreign vessels are concerned. But admitting the very remote contingency that the Harbour Department had for years been illegally collecting these fees owing to an erroneous interpretation of the clauses of the ordinance, it must be admitted that it is plainly enough laid down in section 5 that such fees "shall be accounted for by the Harbour Master to the Treasury." We ask the question on behalf of the public whose interests we represent—Have the fees collected for these permits been regularly accounted for to the Colonial Treasury? If so, we shall be pleased to be the medium of removing a strong impression which has got abroad that such has not been the case; if not, we should really like to know in what manner they have been bestowed for the benefit of the colony.

Humanum ut errare. Our researches into the matters alluded to above have been conducted methodically and with scrupulous care, and yet it is possible that in some respects we may have erred; but, if so, it has neither been through recklessness nor carelessness. With regard especially to the question of these permit fees, a most minute investigation of the Harbour Master's official reports for the years 1880, 1881, and 1882 respectively—vide the Gov-

ernment Gazette for 1881, 1882 and 1883—throws no satisfactory light on the matter. In 1880 the number of seamen reported as being shipped is stated at 6392; in 1881 there were 6940 and in 1882 no fewer than 9704. These numbers represent the exact amounts paid in to the Colonial Treasury as shipping fees, at the rate of one dollar per man. But on examining and comparing these statistics with the records at the Harbour Department, we find that the figures we have quoted refer only to seamen shipped on British vessels, and do not include those shipped by the respective Consuls on board foreign vessels. At the German Consulate the number of seamen shipped last year total something over 1,300, and the records of the United States Consulate show that 479 men were shipped on American vessels. These are the figures from but two of the eighteen consulates in the port.

Another strange phase in these proceedings at the Harbour Department requires explanation. From statistics supplied to us from the United States Consulate, it appears that during the present year up to yesterday's date 543 men had been shipped on board American vessels, and upon 380 of these a fee of one dollar per man had been paid to the Harbour Master's Department in addition to the usual consular fees. The question at once arises—why were fees charged only on 380 and not on the whole number? That is exactly what we wish the Harbour Department or the Government to explain. The vast majority of the balance of 163 were shipped on board the steamers of the Pacific Mail Company as follows:—

January 15—City of Tokio	23 men
February 20—City of Peking	11 "
April 15—City of Peking	27 "
May 15—City of Peking	27 "
June 15—City of Rio de Janeiro	40 "
July 9—City of Tokio	85 "
Total	163 men

For these not one single cent has ever been demanded by or paid to the Harbour Department. The remaining two men to make up the full number quoted above were shipped last Monday on board the American ship *C. D. Bryant*, and the master of that vessel paid no fees, nor was he asked to do so.

On this branch of our subject little more remains to be said. In our opinion, which is based on the construction and wording of Ordinance 8 of 1879, the exaction of these permit fees from foreign sailors is clearly illegal. The question of what has been done with these fees is for the Government to investigate. An impression is abroad that they have not gone into the Colonial Treasury; that, in justice to all concerned, ought to be set right. Why the steamers of the Pacific Mail Co. and the ship *C. D. Bryant* should have been exempted from the fees charged against the seamen of other foreign vessels is another matter which requires an official enquiry. Colonel Moser, the Consul for the United States, we believe, written to the Government on the subject, and as the rights of the foreign seamen could not possibly be in abler and more experienced hands than in those of the old Confederate chieftain, there can be little doubt that, as the result of his representations and protests, all grievances will be fairly remedied, and the true state of the law as regards the shipping of alien seamen accurately defined.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A TELEGRAM from Manila reached us as we were going to press containing the two words "typhoon threatens."

The people of Zurich, in Switzerland, have by popular vote sanctioned a Bill providing for the restoration of capital punishment.

We read in a Japanese paper that General Wu, the commander of the Chinese soldiers at Seoul, has been ordered back to China. This is said to be owing to the disturbed relations with France.

It is reported that Prince Bismarck contemplates the radical remodeling of the entire constitution of the German Empire. It is also reported that Bismarck in a recent conversation, upheld the competency of the Federal Governments to abolish the Reichstag.

THE contractors who are cutting the canal through the Isthmus of Corinth are confident that the work will be completed within four years. The canal will be just four miles long and of the same width and depth as that of Suez—namely, 72 feet wide and 26 feet deep throughout at low water. Vessels from the Adriatic ports will save 185 miles and those from the Mediterranean 95 miles by passing through the canal, besides avoiding the dangerous coast around Cape Malapan.

A CORRESPONDENT writes us to say that a suicide took place at West Point on Monday last. We were just getting interested in the matter and were preparing to send our "Special" to investigate the affair when on reading further on we saw that it was only our correspondent's monkey that had shortened its days by self strangulation. The letter must surely have been forwarded to us by mistake, as the special authority on Japanese and Chinese dogs would have been the right person to whom the startling announcement of the monkey's demise should have been sent.

THE British ship *G. C. Trufant* will undock at Kowloon to-morrow, and the Japanese steamer *Kiyomoto Maru* is booked to take the vacant dock.

DURING a trial a Judge called a witness. No one answered, and an elderly man arose and solemnly said "He is gone." "Where has he gone?" asked the Judge in no tender tone. "I don't know; but he is dead," was the guarded reply.

WE (Japan Mail) hear from Swatow that a sort of armistice has been declared for the present between the Mandarins and the German Vice-Consul. Advice as to further proceedings are daily awaited from Berlin, when the case will probably be resumed. The claim of Messrs. Dicks & Co., though not actively pressed at the present moment, still holds good, and we understand will shortly be re-argued in solemn conclave by representatives of both countries.

It is reported that the Prince of Wales has expressed a desire that the honor of knighthood should be conferred upon Henry Irving, and that the fact should be announced at the Irving Banquet on the fourth of July, at which the Prince is to be present. The Queen is not disposed to confer this dignity on an actor, and it is not yet certain that Mr. Irving will ever become "Sir Henry." The honor has never before been bestowed upon an actor, but Irving's popularity and the Prince of Wales' friendship are very likely to turn the scale in his favor.

THE Calcutta Exhibition, which will open on the 5th of December next, will be remarkable chiefly for the marvelous collection of precious stones that will be shown. Many of the native princes of India have promised to lend their finest jewels; and among these are some of the costliest in the world. The treasures of the Nizam, Scindia, Holkar, the Gaikwar, and the Maharajas of Jaipur, Patiala and Travancore are especially rich in diamonds, rubies and emeralds; and it is said that some of the magnates of Bhopal, if they so choose, cover themselves with pearls. Indeed, the wealth of India in precious stones is so immense as to appear fabulous to Western minds.

SEVERAL French papers mention that Lord Granville has sent a note intimating that Her Majesty's Government will claim compensation for any damage sustained by British subjects in consequence of the bombardment of any ports in Madagascar. Another rumour which has been current in Paris for some weeks past has also found its way into print. The *France* states, under all reserve, that the British Government has demanded explanations with reference to the statement of M. Challemel-Lacour, that China was being "egged on" against France, and that he knew by whom. That unlucky phrase is not likely to improve the relations between the French and English Foreign Offices.

A TELEGRAM dated Vienna, June 11th says:—"The difficulties of France in Tonquin are causing much anxiety here in official circles, where it is understood China may at any time ask for Austrian intermediation. It is doubtful if the Imperial Government would care to assume that delicate position since it has become a party to the triple alliance. At the same time the war of 1866 has not been forgotten and Austria is not entirely in sympathy with Bismarck's policy. Germany is willing to divide the French forces, although France is now considered by diplomats as scarcely ranking fairly above a second-class power. Information received here, however, indicates that a war may not be entirely unavoidable between China and France, since the first-named country, although it has assumed a very positive stand, is inclined toward peace and will not break off diplomatic relations with France until after an opportunity has been given for repeated appeals made to European Governments to mediate between the two countries."

FROM an advertisement in another column it will be noted that Professor Haselmayer, the world renowned magician, has decided to retire from the profession at the end of the present year, and now offers for sale the whole of the extensive apparatus, including many wonders invented by himself, through the aid of which he has electrified audiences in the four quarters of the globe. To any gentleman who feels disposed to invest in this favorable opportunity of making a fortune in a few years, the Professor will give practical tuition in the mysteries of the business, guaranteeing that at the end of six months his pupil will be able to hold his own with any prestidigitator and professor of magic now before the public. Full particulars as to the terms on which this lucrative business will be disposed of can be obtained from Herr Haselmayer, whose address is filed at this office. Herr Haselmayer will give the first of his short series of farewell performances at the Theatre Royal, City Hall, to-morrow night, where his marvels will no doubt attract a large audience.

A TELEGRAM in the American papers, dated London, 10th June, says:—"Chinese agents in England are very busy on the Clyde and Mersey commissioning blockade-runners. Each commission that has thus far been made contains provisions to the effect that if war shall occur between France and China no commission for blockade-runners shall be constructed as binding China to purchase war material in England, nor as prohibiting China from contracting for all war material in Germany exclusively. This is considered very significant, and indicates at least that there is a perfect understanding between Berlin and Peking. A fact which shows that England is possibly a third party in this understanding is the attitude displayed by Earl Granville, Secretary for Foreign Affairs. The French Government are hurriedly completing their naval re-enforcements and intend to put at once into Chinese seas the most powerful armament ever seen in those waters. These additions to the French fleet cannot, however, reach Hongkong until the 15th of July at the earliest. The supreme command of this fleet has been vested in Admiral Courbet."

A FRENCH marquis was riding out one day when he passed an old priest trotting along contentedly on a quiet donkey.—"Ha, ha," exclaimed the marquis, "how goes the ass, good father?"—"On horseback, my son, on horseback," replied the priest.

ALEXANDER CUNNINGHAM, an unemployed seaman, was arrested last night at 8.30 in Circular Pathway by Wong Akum P.C. No. 184, for being drunk and disorderly and assaulting the police. Cunningham, who admitted two previous convictions for the same soft offences, will emerge from the "Retreat" six weeks hence, that being the allowance of board, lodging and employment provided for him by Captain Thomsett at the expense of the Government.

WE beg to direct attention to the farewell performance to be given in the Theatre Royal, City Hall, this evening, by the Southern Star Minstrels. We hope there will be a good house on this occasion, to enable the minstrels to get away from the colony by an early steamer. Not to put too fine a point on it, we may state that these unfortunate performers are simply "eating their heads off" here, and will be grateful to the public for their support on this, their last appearance in China.

SAYS the *Japan Daily Mail*:—"It is stated that seven cases of cholera have occurred in a village called Nakamura, in Sagami province, Kanagawa prefecture. Nakamura is a small village in the neighborhood of Ashi-no-yu (Hakone), a most unlikely place for the disease to break out. It appears also, that no news of any such fact has reached the offices of the Prefecture, so that on the whole the rumour is probably false. We learn, however, on good authority that two cases were officially reported a few days ago as having occurred in Odawara, but the disease does not appear to be spreading."

EUROPEAN engineers have yet something to learn if the following story, which appears in a Japanese paper is a true bill.—"Five knots an hour was the average rate of speed attained by the *Nagasaki Maru*. Captain Shiroto, and Mr. Machida, the Chief Engineer of the vessel, designed some improvements in the machinery, and when these were carried into effect at the Higo Engineering Works they proved so successful that the *Nagasaki Maru* went twice as fast as before, although the consumption of coal was much decreased. The foreign employees at the Works expressed great admiration for the alterations."

WE hear that Lieutenant-Colonel F. Cardev, Assistant Military Secretary, goes home to-morrow by the English mail, on promotion, to join his regiment, the Prince of Wales' Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment). Many of our most useful institutions, such as the Sailors' Home and Temperance Hall, will lose a good friend by the departure of Lieut.-Col. Cardev, who practically demonstrated the utility of temperance. We wish the gallant colonel *bon voyage*. Major E. M. Lloyd, Royal Engineers, who was professor of Fortifications, &c., at the Royal Military Academy from 1st Oct. 1876 to 30th Sept. 1882, will most probably be his successor here.

CHEMISTS and druggists in France are apparently surrounded by dangers which are quite unknown to their English brethren. In our favoured land a chemist may occasionally be hauled over the coals by a coroner's jury for selling poison to irresponsible children, but hitherto they have been exempt from liability to damages. In Paris a French tribunal has lately condemned a chemist to a week's imprisonment, and to pay 2000 francs for habitually selling morphine without a special prescription from a doctor, to a woman who had become a lunatic through its use. This is rather rough on chemists, but it is certainly calculated to make them cautious in the matter of selling poisons.

JAMES KERNS, hailing from the Emerald Isle, and described as an unemployed landman, was brought before Captain Thomsett this morning on a charge of trespassing in the Artillery Barracks yesterday. Robert Russell, a gunner in the Royal Artillery, stated that while he was doing sentry duty yesterday at 7 p.m. Kerns asked to be allowed to go inside the barracks. He was refused access. Later on the defendant got over the wall and railings and went into the compound. The officer of the guard was at once apprised of Kerns' intrusion, and the intruder was given into custody. In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. Kerns said he thought there was no harm in going to the barracks, as he was to ship to-day in the American ship *Malabar*. Captain Thomsett ordered the unemployed one to be taken to the American Consul to ascertain whether the statements he had made were true. Col. Mosby replied that the man was not known at all at the Consulate, and that there was no such ship in harbour as the *Malabar*. He further said that he would not ship Kerns in any vessel. His Worship remanded Mr. Kerns to the "Retreat" for a month's spell of hard labor.

NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Prithwari*, Captain E. J. Baker, with the London mail of the 15th ulto. arrived in harbour this afternoon. We extract the annexed items from the *London and China Express*:—

After his return to Berlin from the trial trip of the new Chinese ironclad, the Chinese Minister had an audience with Count Hatzfeldt. M. Davydoff, the newly-appointed Russian Minister at the Court of Japan, left London last week to enter upon the duties of his new post. The Russian man-of-war *Oprikon* arrived at Spithead on the 10th inst. from Cronstadt, bound for China, and saluted the garrison and port. The statement recently made that the Chinese labourers were smuggled into the United States from British Columbia has, after a thorough investigation, been discovered to be entirely unfounded.

The Chinese Government have ordered some further vessels from the Vulcan Shipbuilding Company at Settin, including another ironclad corvette and some torpedo-boats. They have also given an order for a floating dock to be constructed.

M. de Lesseps has resolved to light the Suez Canal throughout its course by means of the electric light. Consequently the traffic through the Canal may be carried on day and night, and some of the facilities obtained which would follow the construction of a second canal, the widening of the present one.

A Russian telegram from Semipalatinsk, under date 11th inst., reports:—"General Bobkov the Russo-Chinese frontier passed through here to-day on his way to the border, where he will meet the Chinese Commissioner, who is proceeding thither from Shanghai. Complete order prevails on the frontier."

Captain Timothy William Sullivan has been awarded the naval pension of £50 per annum, for staff commanders and masters, vacant by the death of Retired Captain David Craig, C.B. Captain Sullivan has seen considerable service in China, and served in the *Clio* at the capture of Wosung and Shanghai, landing with a force of small-arm men, and the operations in the Yangtze in 1842.

The appointment of Commandant of Royal Engineers and colonel on the staff of Major-General J. N. Sargent, C.B., commanding the troops in China, has been bestowed on Colonel J. E. L. Walker, R.E., in succession to Colonel J. A. Papillon. Colonel Walker has been holding for some time a similar appointment on the staff of Major-General G. W. Higginson, commandant of the Home District.

The *Glensly*, a screw steamer of the following dimensions—length 260 feet, breadth 43 feet, depth 28.1 feet, tonnage 3,100 tons, has been launched from the yard of the London and Glasgow Engineering and Iron Shipbuilding Company, Govan, on the Clyde. The new *Glensly*, which is a sister ship to the *Clengary*, has been built to the order of Messrs. McGregor, Gow and Co., London, and is intended for the China freight and passenger trade.

It is stated in telegrams from Washington that several American naval officers, believing war to be imminent between China and France, have applied to the Chinese Minister for appointments in the Chinese Navy. The Minister says that he has no authority to issue commissions, and refers them to Li Hung Chang, viceroy of the Viceroy at Canton. An announcement has been made at the Navy Department that leave of absence will be granted to officers waiting orders if they desire to enter the Chinese service. No confirmation of this has, however, been received.

M. Hamard, French Consul at Bangkok, was gazetted on the 13th inst. Civil Commissioner-General in Tong King-Applan for the administrative organisation of the provinces reported to have been drawn up by M. Charles Brun, Minister of Marine. Seven circumscriptions or districts are to be created in Tong King, each district to be inspected or prefect. Some of these officials will be Frenchmen, others Tong Kingese, the natives being supposed to be, as a rule, favourable to the proposed régime. On the other hand, all the Annamite agents are to be weeded out, as they are not to be trusted. M. Hamard, the Civil Commissioner, will preside over these departments. A decree to this effect was signed by the President of the Republic on the 26th ult.

TELEGRAMS.

The annexed items, extracted from our American files, were crowded out yesterday:—

Moscow, June 9th. A brilliant review took place to-day on Peterofsky Plain, of 5,000 troops. The Emperor and others left at six this evening for Peterhof. The outcome certainly will, it is thought in well-informed circles, be the adoption of conservative measures at home and a pacific policy abroad.

CORUNA, June 10th. An English brig, recently hoisted the Span flag, green ground with a white cross, in the canal, and at the same time was flying a small English flag at the foremast. The English Consul sent a messenger to order the captain to lower the green flag. The messenger met with rough treatment on the vessel. The Consul then summoned the Spanish Coast Guard and a party of armed sailors boarded the vessel and removed the objectionable flag. An inquiry will be instituted.

ROME, June 10th. Gladstone's statement in the Commons in regard to the circumstances of Errington's visit to Rome has given great satisfaction to the English. Errington is about to be sent for England. He will be given a private audience by the Pope before he goes.

MADRID, June 10th. The Government has ordered the prosecution of the Democrat journals *El Liberal* and *El Globe* for conveying insinuations in regard to the Queen's departure for Bohemia. Proceedings will be taken under the Special Press Law. This is the first time the law has been applied while the Liberals have been in office. Before the publication of the objectionable articles several Democratic papers alluded to the same subject reflecting upon persons of high rank, and several duels were arranged between the editors and noblemen.

THE *Czar* and *Czarina* arrived from Moscow and drove in an open carriage to the Katsan Cathedral. They were enthusiastically cheered along the route. Their Majesties then proceeded to Peterhof Palace. Newsky Prospect was lined with troops and the city was everywhere decorated.

LONDON, June 10th. The banquet in honor of Senator Jones of Florida by the Irish members of Parliament was presided over by Parnell. Most of the Irish members were present. The principal toasts were:—"The Irish at Home and Abroad," "Senator Jones," and "America." John Mackay, supposed to be a Fenian, has been arrested at Cardiff, for having a quantity of explosives in his possession. He was remanded for a week. The arrest is considered important. The District Police recently receiving menacing letters.

ROME, June 10th. It is positively affirmed that Archbishop Vannutelli, Papal Nuncio at Venice, who represented the Vatican at the coronation of the Russian Emperor, has been ordered to leave Moscow with an ambassador from the Pope. He also stated that all pending difficulties between the Vatican and Russia have been arranged.

LONDON, June 10th. Great preparations are being made for the John Bright celebration at Birmingham this week, in recognition of his services as a representative for Birmingham in Parliament for over a quarter of a century. There will be a monster trades procession, a banquet, picnics, &c.

The Government offer only £70,000 for the Ashmolean collection, and £50,000 are demanded. The *Times* says:—"The public will learn with regret that the negotiations for the purchase of the Ashmolean collection have collapsed. Germany and the United States are eager to secure these literary treasures, and the latter certainly will not allow them to pass into other hands for the sake of a paltry \$100,000."

DUBLIN, June 10th. Doyle, one of the Invincibles, has been liberated from prison on bail. He will not live long. MELBOURNE, June 11th. Victoria and the other colonies urge the Imperial Government to annex the New Hebrides.

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PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000.00
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 318,235.56
TOTAL CAPITAL and
ACCUMULATIONS, 31st
March, 1883.....Tls. 968,235.56

DIRECTORS.
F. D. HITCH, Esq., Chairman.
C. LUCAS, Esq., Wm. MEYER, Esq.,
A. J. M. INVERARITY, Esq., G. H. WHEELER, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
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LONDON BRANCH.
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.,
Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent,
68 and 69, Cornhill, E.C.

POLICIES granted on MARINE RISKS to all
parts of the world.
Subject to a charge of 12 per cent. for interest
on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the
UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually dis-
tributed among all Contributors of Business (whether
Shareholders or not) in proportion to the
premium paid by them.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 25th May, 1883. [83]

THE MANCHESTER UNDERWRITERS' ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.
The undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS of the above Company are
prepared to Grant Policies on MARINE RISKS
to all parts of the world at CURRENT RATES,
allowing an immediate cash discount of 25 per
cent.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, 13th July, 1883. [560]

THE UNDERSIGNED have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.
Agents,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1883. [470]

INTIMATION.

SIGNOR ANTONIO CATTANEO, of the CONSERVATOIRE DE BERGAMO and late of the ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY has the honor to inform the community that he has arranged to remain in Hongkong, and will give lessons in Music, Singing and the Piano-forte.
CHARGES STRICTLY MODERATE.
Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Queen's Road.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1883. [168]

Amusements.

HASELMAYER'S RETURN.
THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.
UNDER THE SPECIAL PATRONAGE OF
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR,
LADY HOWEN & FAMILY.

PROFESSOR AND MADAME HASELMAYER
desire to announce, for the acceptance of their
patrons, a short
FAREWELL SERIES OF SEANCES,
AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL, HONGKONG.
Previous to their departure for India and Europe,
in which they will develop some of their
most remarkable Illustrations in
the Sciences of
THAUMATURGY AND ESCAMOTAGE,
including evolutions never previously
achieved by any other exponent
of Natural Science.

ONLY THREE ENTERTAINMENTS,
WITH AN ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME,
will be given.

TO-MORROW EVENING,
THE 19TH JULY,
SATURDAY & MONDAY,
THE 21ST AND 23RD JULY,
and

PROFESSOR HASELMAYER
assures his visitors that the productions are
such as can be witnessed with satisfac-
tion and pleasure by those of the
most fastidious and refined taste,
who otherwise have objec-
tions to visit public
entertainments.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:
Dress Circle.....\$2.50
Front Seats in Parterre.....2.00
Back Seats.....1.00
Children all over the House.....1.00
Soldiers and Men-of-War's Men in uniform
Half Price.

Season Tickets will be issued available for the
three nights, or Family Tickets admitting three
to one Seance, at the following prices:
Dress Circle.....\$5.00
Front Seats in Parterre.....4.00
Back Seats.....2.00
Above Season and Family Tickets can only
be had by subscription at Messrs. KELLY &
WALSH'S, and not at the Theatre.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [569]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions
from the MORTGAGEES to Sell by Public
Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 26th July, 1883, at THREE P.M.,
on the Premises—
THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY,
KNOWN AS

"THE HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS,"
Standing and being on all that Piece or Parcel
of GROUND situated at Victoria, being that
Portion of INLAND LOT No. 51, upon
which the GERMAN CLUB formerly stood,
and Sub-section A of Section B of Inland
Lot No. 51, together with all the Out-
Buildings and the Appurtenances thereto
held for the residue of the term of 999 years
created by an Indenture of Crown Lease,
dated the 16th January, 1866, at the appor-
tioned Crown Rent of \$120 per Annum.
For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Supreme Court House,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees;
or to the Undersigned,
H. N. MODY,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [565]

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY IN VICTORIA.

TO BE SOLD by Public Auction, by Mr.
J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer, on

FRIDAY,
the 27th day of July, 1883, at THREE P.M.,
on the Premises, No. 54, Wing Lok Street,
By ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

All that Valuable Piece of GROUND measuring
on the North and South 14 feet, East and
West sides 100 feet, and Registered in the
Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 73.
Held for 999 years from 21st May, 1867.
Yearly Crown Rent \$24.68. On the above
Piece of GROUND is erected the Valuable
HOUSE known as No. 54, Wing Lok
Street and House No. 123, Praya Central.
For Particulars and Conditions of Sale,
apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON,
Solicitors for the Mortgagees,
or to
J. M. GUEDES,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [564]

Intimations.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that CROWN
RENTS for the Half-Year ended the 24th
June, 1883, and POLICE, LIGHTING, WATER
and FIRE BRIGADE RATES for the 3rd Quarter
of 1883, must be paid on or before the 31st July.
Defaulters after that date will be proceeded
against in the Supreme Court.

A LISTER.
TREASURY,
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [570]

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY.
The List of Applications for SHARES in
the above named Company will CLOSE
at SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 31st instant.
Shanghai, 4th July, 1883. [540]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH'S

LIST OF CHEAP, PRACTICAL, USEFUL AND STANDARD BOOKS.

FORTY CENTS EACH. FORTY CENTS EACH.

Michod's Guide to Athletic Training.
Baths and Bathing.
The Heart and its Functions.
Health in Schools.
Exercise and Training.
The House and its Surroundings.
Personal Appearances in Health and Disease.
The Skin and its Troubles.
Alcohol, its use and abuse.
Premature Death, its promotion and prevention.
Dictionary of Daily Blunders.
Dictionary of Mythology.
Rejected Addresses by Horace and James
Smith.
Dictionary of English Proverbs.
Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare.
Poker, How to Play it, by one of its Victims.
The Secret of a Clear Head.
Enquire Within—upon Everything—New Edition.....\$ 1.00
Every Man his own Lawyer—completely revised.....2.50
Live and Learn, a Guide to Correct Writing and Speaking.....1.00
A New Dictionary of Quotations from Greek, Latin and Modern Languages with
Index to more than 15,000 words.....3.00
The Newspaper and General Reader's Companion.....1.00
The Sight and how to preserve it, by Angel.....0.60
Etiquette of Good Society.....0.75

FRANCE, CHINA AND TONQUIN.
THE FOLLOWING BOOKS HAVE A SPECIAL BEARING ON THE SUBJECT
Across China, being the Narrative of a Journey of Exploration through the South
China Border Lands from Canton to Mandalay by Archibald R. Colquhoun,
with 3 specially prepared Maps, 30 facsimiles of native drawings and 30
Illustrations, 2 vols.....\$12.50
Histoire des Relations de la Chine avec l'Annam-Vietnam du XVIIe au XIXe
Siècle, d'après des documents Chinois par G. Devéria. Ouvrage accom-
pagné d'une Carte.....3.00
La Conquête du Ton-Kin par vingt-sept Français Sous le Commandement du
Jeu Deplus.....0.75
La Province Chinoise du Yun-Nan par Emile Rocher, 2 vols.....7.50

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 4th July, 1883. [560]

W. B. BREWER.

HAS JUST RECEIVED.

MEERSCHAUM CIGAR AND CIGARETTE HOLDERS.
NEW CIGARETTES AND TOBACCO.

CHEAP ACCOUNT BOOKS in Great Variety.
FASHIONABLE FANCY STATIONERY in BOXES; Very Cheap.
THIN OVERLAND BOOK, LETTER, AND NOTE PAPERS AND ENVELOPES,
at a Cheaper Rate than can be laid down from London.
LETTER BOOKS, WATER WELLS, RULERS, AND COMMERCIAL REQUISITES,
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

NEW BOOKS.
A Quantity of FRANKLIN SQUARE AND SEASIDE LIBRARIES.
WALSH'S MODERN SPORTSMAN'S GUN AND RIFLE.
WHO'S WHO?
STATESMAN'S YEAR BOOK.
GILDER'S ICE PACK AND TUNDRA.
&c., &c., &c.

LAWN TENNIS SETS.
CRICKET
SULLIVAN'S NEW OPERA "IOLANTHE."
SQUEEZER PLAYING CARDS AND
MARKERS.
BEZIQUE.
W. B. BREWER,
QUEEN'S ROAD.
Hongkong, 19th June, 1883. [703]

"NOVELTY STORE,"

MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.
JUST RECEIVED.

A SMALL CONSIGNMENT OF MALTESE LACE AND SILVER FILIGREE WORK,
COMPRISING—
White and Black Silk Trimming Lace.
" Cotton Trimming Lace.
" Silk Handkerchief Border.
" Silk Circular and Square D'oyleys.
" Black Silk Filice.
" Silk Parasol Cover.
" Cotton Parasol Cover.
" Silk Veil and Scarf.
" Silk Collar and Cuffs.
" Silk Collar Breast Pendant.
" Cotton Collar Breast Pinned.
" Cotton Collar Breast Pinned.
" Black Silk Necktie.
" Silk Mittens.
Silver Filigree Pendant, St. John's Cross and Crown.
" Earrings to match the above.
" Fancy Pendant.
" Plain Chain Necklace.
" Fancy Locket.
" Fancy Broochet.
" Brooch (Love Knot).
" " (Marguerite).
" " (Slipper).
" " (Circular).
" " (Fan).
" " (Lily).
Earrings to match the above.

ANY OF THE ABOVE ORDERED THROUGH THIS "STORE" WILL BE
CHARGED FOR AT COST PRICE.
S. MEYERS,
MANAGER.
Hongkong, 11th June, 1883. [28]

SAYLE & CO.'S SHOWROOMS.

SAYLE & CO.
WE ARE SHOWING EX "GLENARN."

VERY FINE INDIA LONG CLOTHS.
NORMAN STRIPE DRESS MATERIALS.
White all OVER TUCKINGS—A New White Dress Material.
COLOURED CHECKED ZEPHYRS for washing dresses.
POMPADOUR SILKS, cashmeres and delaines for summer dressing gowns.
A Fresh Assortment of Best-Silk and Wool FLANNELS.
French Embroidered Pongee Silk TRIMMINGS.
An entirely New Stock of Ladies' PARASOLS.
Ladies' Plain and Fancy COLLARS.
Children's White Silk and Spun Silk SOCKS in all sizes.
Ladies' BOOTS and SHOES in all the latest styles.
A Fresh Delivery of Atkinson's SCENTS. A few Specialties in BOOKS.
SEWING MACHINES in all the Leading makes, &c., &c., &c.
A LIBERAL DISCOUNT FOR CASH.
SAYLE & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE HONGKONG.
Hongkong, 10th July, 1883. [249]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that
CERTIFICATES for the present Shares
in the Society may be obtained upon application
at the Offices of the Company, in Exchange for
Old Certificates or Provisional Scrip.
By Order,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 2nd July, 1883. [518]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
A FIRST INTERIM BONUS of TWENTY
per cent. upon Contributions for the year
1882 has this day been DECLARED.
WARRANTS may be had on Application at
the Office of the Society on and after the 21st
instant.
By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.
Hongkong, 7th May, 1883. [400]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"DENLARIQ,"
Captain Clarke, will be despatched as above on
FRIDAY, the 26th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th July, 1883. [523]

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).
THE Company's Steamship
"DIAMANTE,"
Captain Cullen, will be despatched for the above
Port, on SATURDAY, the 21st instant, at Five
P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [572]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"HENVENUE,"
Captain Potter, will be despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 23rd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th July, 1883. [520]

NOUVELLE COMPAGNIE MARSEILLAISE
DE NAVIGATION A VAPEUR.
THE Steamship
"AMERIQUE,"
Jouve, Commander, will sail on or about
the 30th July, for MARSEILLES,
VIA SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO,
ADEN, and SUEZ; and with leave to call at
PENANG and TUTICORIN. In connection
with these Steamers the Company runs a Line
from MARSEILLES to HAVRE and LONDON,
leaving MARSEILLES after arrival of the
Steamer from CHINA.
The Company also runs Steamers regularly
from MARSEILLES to numerous Ports in the
MEDITERRANEAN and BLACK SEA, by
which through freight may be booked.
The Company has a Forwarding Agency at
Paris, 9, Rue de Rougemont, giving special
facilities to Shippers.
Each Steamer carries a Surgeon and
Stewardess.
FARES 1ST CLASS, 2ND CLASS.
Hongkong to Marseilles \$300 \$240.
RETURN TICKETS are now Granted by
the Steamers of this Line available for the
undetermined periods, to be reckoned from the
date of arrival at Marseilles of the Steamer for
which the Ticket is issued to the date of re-
embarkation there of the Holder of the Ticket.
1ST CLASS. 2ND CLASS.
6 Months.....\$500.....\$410.
12 Special rates are arranged for families.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1883. [505]

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
CALLING AT BRISBANE.
THE Steamship
"OCEAN,"
Captain Brown, will be despatched on or about
the 23rd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [567]

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG,
COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, and TRIESTE.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
PERSIAN GULF PORTS, ODESSA, and the
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship
"ORION,"
Captain G. Mahoreich, will be despatched as
above on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at NOON.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [566]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. British Ship
"G. C. TRUFANT,"
Thomas, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 14th July, 1883. [563]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE American Ship
"RESOLUTE,"
Nickels, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 16th June, 1883. [477]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. American Ship
"MCLAURIN,"
Little, Master, will load here for the above Port,
and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 22nd June, 1883. [495]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE 3/3 L. I. L. American Bark
"ADOLPH OBRIG,"
Stapler, Master, will load here for the above
Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
Hongkong, 6th June, 1883. [494]

Mails.

U.S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH TO NEW-YORK, VIA OVER-
LAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN
FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING,"
will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yoko-
hama, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst., at THREE
P.M., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,
to San Francisco, and Atlantic and Inland
Cities of the United States, via Overland Rail-
ways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and
to ports in Mexico, Central and South America,
by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers.

RETURN PASSAGES.—Passengers, who
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Fran-
cisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within
six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 per
cent. from Return Fare; if re-embarking within
one year, an allowance of 10 per cent. will be
made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year, will be
issued at a Discount of 25 per cent. from Return
Fare. These allowances do not apply to through
fares from China and Japan to Europe.

Light will be received on board until 4 P.M.
on the 23rd July. Parcel Packages will be
received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day;
all Parcel Packages should be marked to ad-
dress in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland
Cargo should be sent to the Company's Offices
in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 50A, Queen's Road Central.
F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [1]

Consignees.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship
"CITY OF PEKING,"
the above Steamer having arrived, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their
Bills of Lading for Countersignature and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from along-
side.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
F. E. FOSTER,
Agent.
Hongkong, 16th July, 1883. [1]

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the above
Company will be held at the Company's Office,
No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on
FRIDAY, the 27th day of July, 1883, at
FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., when the Resolutions
Passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the
Company held on the 12th day of July, 1883,
will be submitted for confirmation as Special
Resolutions.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1883. [558]

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY HALF-
YEARLY MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in the Company will be held at the
office of the Company, No. 52, Queen's Road,
on MONDAY, the 30th July instant, at THREE
O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON, for the purpose
of receiving a Report of the Directors together
with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend,
and Electing Directors and Auditors.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [546]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 17th to the
30th instant, inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [547]

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in the above Company will be held at the Head
Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY,
the 31st instant, at FOUR O'CLOCK P.M., for the
purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors
and Statement of Accounts to 30th April last,
and of declaring Dividends.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 18th to 31st instant,
both days inclusive.
By Order,
W. H. RAY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 9th July, 1883. [541]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.
MR. F. VINCENT'S WINE & SPIRIT
STORE and also the BAKERY, which
was formerly at No. 8, Peel Street, has been
REMOVED to No. 24, Praya Central.
Hongkong, 11th July, 1883. [126]